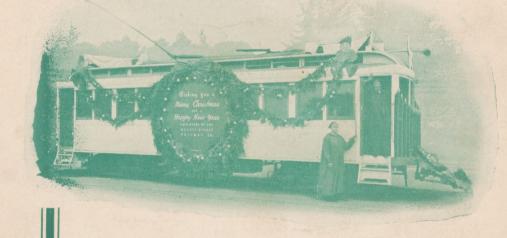
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# Editorial Page

### **ADVICE**

The worst men often give the best advice.
Our deeds are sometimes better than our thoughts.

-Bailey.

### THIS IS MY JOB

You know I like this Job of mine, for in it I find the satisfaction of doing something necessary for the good of those about me. In its small way it contributes to general welfare, comfort, convenience, that those whom I serve may in turn be helped to serve me and the others who do a similar job as mine. I consider my job important, for if it were not done, and done well—it would quickly cause confusion and inconvenience to at least a few people, so I take my work seriously,—I like My Job.

### ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The best way to reduce the number of accidents is to prevent having them in the first place. The increase in the number of vehicles in the street and the resultant congestion is a constant invitation to increase accidents. All of these conditions bring about new traffic congestions which have not existed until recently. Opening the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge has poured thousands of new vehicles in down-town streets, and many of these are driven by strangers to this city. To prevent accidents, we must change our ways to meet the changes in conditions. We must co-operate with the motorists and be ready to give the right of way. A few seconds pause will often let the other fellow have a chance. He may not have seen you coming. He may misjudge the distance between his auto and your car. He may not judge your speed correctly.

Every motorman and operator is a trained man for his work. He has more experience daily than many auto drivers have in months. It is therefore your duty to use better judgment than the amateur driver. You know how to avoid accidents because of your superior experience and training. More is expected of you by the public and we must live up to our reputation.

### STREET CAR LIGHTS

A few days ago a complaint was received from one of our patrons in which he stated that on a recent dark morning he requested that the conductor turn on the lights so that he might be able to read his paper. The conductor replied that under the rules he was not allowed to turn on the lights at that hour of the morning regardless of the condition of darkness within the car. THIS CONDUCTOR WAS IN ERROR. Your attention is called to the rule posted on February 12, 1934, which reads in part as follows:

"As a power saving measure your attention is called to the necessity of snapping out all lights on cars when it is not necessary for them to be burning.

"When there is sufficient daylight for passengers to read with

ease, lights should not be left on."

The company does want to conserve electricity, but not at the inconvenience of its patrons.

### POLITICS' PET FALLS DOWN

Theoretically, municipally owned electric plants should be able to undersell private plants by a wide margin. Municipal plants are free from almost all taxes—private plants are among the heaviest taxed of industries and pay various special taxes in addition to regular taxes. Municipal plants generally escape state regulation—private plants are regulated most comprehensively. A large number of municipal plants are publicly subsidized, directly or indirectly—a private system receives no subsidies, but, on the contrary, must pay heavy taxes, and also make both ends meet or go bankrupt.

Yet, according to a breakdown of Federal Power Commission statistics made by Robert C. Cleminson, municipal rates are almost in-

variably higher than private rates.

Taking the United States as a whole, municipal plants undersell private plants in but one consumption bracket, 25 kwh per month, and then by but a margin of 8 cents. This amount of electric usage is far

below the average family's.

For forty kilowatt hours per month, the municipal plants charge an average of \$3.21 as against \$3.20 for private systems. For 100 kwh, they charge \$5.73 as against \$5.47. For 250 kwh—a consumption which permits the use of a few labor saving devices—the municipal plants charge \$11.01 where the private companies charge \$9.38. So it goes, with the difference in favor of private systems mounting with higher consumption.

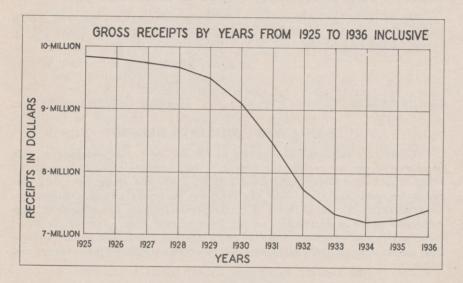
In some states, the private utilities undersell the municipal plants

in all brackets, even the unimportant one of 25 kwh monthly.

Here, certainly, is the answer to the charge that the private power industry charges excessive rates. Though it is heavily taxed and stringently regulated, it manages to consistently undersell its untaxed and unregulated competitor!

# This Chart Tells the Story

Market Street Railway Gross Receipts



# Wanted, 2784 Salesmen

The management of the Market Street Railway is anxious to add 2784 salesmen to its organization to sell in San Francisco and vicinity its transportation facilities. The work is not hard or difficult because there are many who will buy the product quickly if properly presented. Our potential prospects are those who now use automobiles and are confronted constantly with the parking problem. Then we have the safety element to offer. People can ride more safely in White Front cars with little or no fear of accident. On these cars our potential prospects will find they are extended COURTESY and SERVICE. Every employee of the Market Street Railway has one or more friends. Are they today using our service? If not, they are your prospects and our potential customers. Every loyal employee has the interest of the Company at heart, for only in the Company's success can we hope to succeed ourselves. The above illustration tells our financial story.

In this spirit of loyalty can we count on you as a volunteer member of the Market Street Railway's selling staff who will become salesmen for the Company, boosting, selling, helping our organization put over a really worth while campaign.

# Notice to Operators and Conductors

Complaints have been received of the dirty condition of our cars, caused by waste paper and other debris on floors of the cars.

On all cars that are equipped with receptacle for receiving waste paper, etc., you are requested to place any such debris in these receptacles at the end of the line, if you have time to do so.

### A. W. BROHMAN

Vice President

Dec. 17, 1936

In Charge of Transportation.

### CLEANLINESS COMMANDS RESPECT

Clean cars command the respect of the car rider, and the man or men in charge of the car receive the benefit of this good opinion. It is a simple thing to pick up a newspaper from the floor, at the end of the line. And that one paper, now and then, saves the car from becoming untidy. Nothing attracts attention like large sheets of newspaper underfoot. You would not permit waste paper to accumulate on the floor of your home, and yet the street car is where you spend one-third of every day you work. Let us live natural lives on the cars and let these cars reflect our own attitude of cleanliness and order.

### MARKET STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

Office of Vice President 58 Sutter Street

December 31, 1936

### NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

A new form of Employee Pass will be issued by the Company, effective January 1, 1937. This Pass is of the non-punch type and will be good up to and including June 30, 1937.

In presenting the Pass to our conductors, operators and collectors, same should be handed to them for their full observation and scrutiny.

The Pass in addition to providing free transportation over our Lines, will also constitute an identification card, in that the employee's name and department is shown on the face of the Pass.

Being of a permanent nature this Pass will not be replaced in event of loss unless the department head to whom you report recommends issuance of a new pass upon the payment by you of a sum equal to ten (10) cents per day for the unexpired term of the Pass. If the original Pass is later found it should be reported immediately and a proportionate refund from date of such notification will be made. If Pass is lost, please report immediately so conductors may be instructed to claim it if finder tries to use it

L. V. NEWTON

Vice President.

# Our Christmas Car

See picture on Front Cover

From the many fine compliments and testimonial letters we have received, OUR Christmas car must have served the purpose for which it was created. It won us a host of friends. As a matter of fact, it was so effective that Mr. Kahn has requested that a car decorated in a similar manner be used next Christmas.

When the management decided upon the car idea the plan was turned over to J. W. Delaney, Superintendent of Equipment, who supervised the work at the shops, aided by C. D. Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Equipment. Division Superintendent A. E. Francis took over, upon its completion, supervising its routing and street activity.

The car was in charge of Conductor Michele Giomi with J. Brayshaw as motorman.

The sound equipment playing carols as the car went about the streets, was installed and handled by Fred Harvey.

Decorations for the car were planned and constructed by the Nelson Display Company.

### LETTERS FROM SOME OF OUR FRIENDS

WELLS FARGO BANK & UNION TRUST CO.

Market at Montgomery

R. B. Motherwell
President
San Francisco, December 24, 1936
Mr. Samuel Kahn, President,
Market Street Railway Company,
58 Sutter Street,
San Francisco
Dear Mr. Kahn:

During the past several days, we in the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co. have been favored and made particularly happy by the beautiful music emanating from your Christmas car. The clear tones of the various voices must engender the true Christmas spirit in all those within the sound of those voices, and we congratulate you and your organization upon the constructive thought which brought such pleasure to all of us.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours, (Sgd.) R. B. MOTHERWELL President.

December 21, 1936

Dear Mr. Mills:

I think one of the nicest gestures that I have seen this year was the Market Street Car, decorated up and going hither and yon, playing Christmas Carols.

Gene Beneford, Secretary
Executives Association.

December 29, 1936

Mr. J. H. Handlon, Claim Agent Market Street Railway Company 58-Sutter St. City.

Dear Mr. Handlon:

I was so impressed by the spirit of the Market Street Railway in going to the expense and trouble of decorating and fitting out the Merry Christmas Car that I am unable to let the incident go by without having you know my appreciation, together with the fact that I heard many pleasant remarks as to the purpose. I am sure that the people of San Francisco generally were impressed, as I was. You added much to the Christmas spirit of the season.

With my kind thoughts to you and those others who were respon-

sible. I am

Yours very sincerely, Manly S. Harris, President Motor Body Corporation, Ltd. 1116 Post Street.

December 22, 1936

Allow me to congratulate you on the Christmas Carol Car. Everytime I hear the voices I run to the window to listen and enjoy. I am perfectly well and able to go to various places to hear these carols but many others are not. What must it mean then to the shut-ins?

Incidently, if the voices and the harmonies and the tempos were not so satisfactory, you would not have received this note of praise.

Thank you.

Frances M. Bliven.

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December 23, 1936

#### Gentlemen:

You have my best wishes for a Prosperous season and thank you from my heart for your Merry Christmas car and the fine music.

Dr. Miles E. Walton, 702 Market Street.

### DO YOU KNOW

When an auto is travelling in the same direction as you are and the autoist cuts in, if you shut down the speed of your car thinking he WILL stop you can avoid this type of accident?

# Interview With A Non-Accident Motorman

Motorman's Name Withheld

Q. Mr. X, how long have you followed this kind of work?

A. About 10 years.

Q. Do you like your job?

A. Very much.

Q. Do you have confidence in your operation?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you have any trouble making the schedules?

A. Only during peak hours, and all cars are usually behind schedule

Q. Does the traffic bother you?

A. It would if I let it, but I learned long ago that it does not pay.

Q. Does your conductor work with you?

A. He cooperates with me to the fullest extent of his ability.

Q. Do you think by him cooperating with you that it helps you to keep your accident record clear?

A. I certainly do. He watches traffic signals; gives me bells when the signals change to "Go"; watches closely for approaching autos at turn-offs and curves; looks around at stops for approaching passengers before giving bells, and does everything a good conductor should do to help his motorman.

Q. You have a regular run, so I suppose you have become pretty well acquainted with your regular customers and like to talk over the important topics of the day with different passengers.

A. I personally know a great many of my regular customers and many of them speak to me, but they respect me enough not to divert my attention away from my work through idle conversation.

Q. What reasons can you give for not having accidents?

A. I always try to leave the end of the line on time, and try to arrive at the time points on schedule. I never force the controller as this causes

the car to start with a jerk, and may cause a fall in car. I never try to stick the fellow behind me-I believe in the "Golden Rule," "Do unto others as you wish others to do unto you." I never crowd conditions where traffic is dense, nor do I run up too close to an auto that is trying to back into a parking space. I do not believe in right-of-way—there is none. I have tried to learn as much about my equipment as possible, and always have an open mind to learn more. I never follow the car ahead closer than the rules specify. I have never attempted to pass a car in a curve although I have seen others do so. I have always believed that rules were made just as much for my protection as the public's and the Company, and so I try to live up to the rules to the best of my ability. I always slow my car down at street intersections, to such an extent that I could bring it to a complete stop if conditions warranted it. I always treat all street intersections, alleys, garage entrances, along my route as danger points, and run my car accordingly. I always run slowly and sound gong when passing car in opposite direction. I never run against cars at point-on switches. I always try to do everything possible to please my customers, so that in the event I may need their aid, I am sure they would help me.



### Where Estates Come From

Only about 3 cents out of the American investment dollar goes into life insurance.

Yet 7 out of every 8 dollars left by men to their families, are life insurance dollars.

In other words, somewhere around 90 cents out of each dollar invested by the average man is lost or spent and does not become part of his estate.

Here is more proof of the fact that a systematic estate-building plan of the life insurance or trust fund nature, is essential to protection of dependents.

# Letters of Thanks

Market Street Railway Company, 58 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Calif. Gentlemen: December 23, 1936

Please accept our most sincere thanks for your kindness in donating Free Tickets on the street cars for the under-privileged children, in order that they attend our Christmas Party, which we held on December 18th. in the Veteran's War Memorial Building.

The Party was a decided success, and it is this generosity that

contributed so largely to make it such a wonderful evening.

Yours sincerely, L. J. Harrigan, Commander Sunnyside Post No. 366

December 26, 1936

Market Street Railway Co. 58 Sutter Street City. Dear Sir:

On behalf of the San Francisco Sciots Christmas tree party committee for orphan children, I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your company for the courtesy and service which you extended our committee in granting free transportation to the children invited to our party.

I know that your assistance has helped to make a lonesome heart

happier over the holiday season.

Again I want to thank you.

Very truly yours,
E. W. Bode, Transportation
Committee Chairman
Keaton Tire and Rubber Company
866 Brannan Street.

San Rafael, Calif.
December 21, 1936

Market Street Railway Co. San Francisco, Calif. Dear Sir:

May I take this means of expressing to you my thanks for sending Mr. Roy Burns and his moving picture "Traffic Safety" to San Rafael on December 14th.

The picture was enjoyed very much by the children and I am sure they got quite a lot of good from it.

Very truly yours, A. F. O'Connor, Captain California Highway Patrol Badge No. 69, Marin County

# Notice to Trainmen Market Street Lines

RENEWAL OF NOTICE ISSUED APRIL 1, 1936.

The public is continually calling our attention to a serious operating condition on Market Street.

Many of our patrons complain that they are unable to board cars on the inner track because, in many instances, before they can reach cars on inner tracks from behind cars on outer tracks, our cars get signals and start, leaving intending passengers to wait for the next car.

Numbers of passengers become so incensed that they use cars on the outer track, notwithstanding the fact that they may be compelled to walk several extra blocks to reach their destination.

Actions of this kind on the part of our employees cause very poor public relations and also considerable loss in revenue.

Any employee who has his own interest, as well as the interest of this company in mind, will surely refrain from causing complaints of this nature.

We ask your co-operation in eliminating this gross negligence to the extent of making sure that no intending passengers are waiting in safety zones, even allowing cars on outer tracks to start first so that you can see that no intending passengers wish to board our cars.

A. W. BROHMAN
Vice President
In Charge of Transportation

Dec. 12, 1936

# Helpful Advice

Advice given in the above notice will prove helpful to every loyal employee who is interested in the future of his job, and of course in the welfare of the Company. Without passengers, the Company would soon become useless and non-existent. That means loss of jobs to all employees. This is the extreme case, but it does not detract from the fact that this Company needs every nickel which can be brought into the fare-box. Good will, the friendship of the public, is the resulting factor in giving good service. Good service is that service which serves the needs of the car-rider, and that is our only source of revenue.

### DO YOU KNOW

When approaching a cross street or intersection if you see an auto in the inside lane who may make a left turn, if you have your car under control and watch the front wheels ready to turn you may avoid a "left turn" or a "U" turn accident?

### CAPTAIN GOFF COMMENDS

Mr. A. W. Brohman:

December 24, 1936

In my inspection of traffic details in the down town area, I am constantly patrolling the various street car crossings to note the work of your inspectors and men detailed to assist at such points. I have taken particular notice of the men detailed at 4th and Mission and various Market Street and other crossings. The tall, thin, dark complected man at Sutter and Kearny has also come under my constant supervision. These men are a credit to your company. They are alert, courteous and intelligent, untiring workers.

Wishing you and them the compliments of the season, I am

Very truly yours, Chas. Goff, Captain Traffic Bureau.

# Program of Events

M. H. DeYOUNG MEMORIAL MUSEUM Golden Gate Park, Cars 5, 21 Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

Foreign Invitational Salon of Photography. Sponsored by the Photographic Society of San Francisco. Through January 10th. Contemporary Prints. Lent by Mrs. M. C. Sloss. Through January.

### CALIFORNIA PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR Lincoln Park Cars 1-2 Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**EXHIBITIONS** 

Oils, Water-Colors and Drawings by Homer E. Ellertson. Through Jan.

### SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF ART Veterans' Building, Civic Center, Car 5

**EXHIBITIONS** 

Annual Exhibition of the California Society of Etchers. Jan. 3 to 24. Drawings, Studies for Sculpture, by Maude Phelps Hutchins. January 2 to 31.

Paintings by Dewey Albinson. Jan. 10 to 31.

Paintings and Prints by Paul Klee. Jan. 12 to Feb. 7.

Landscape Architecture, its contemporary expression and historical sources. Feb. 5 to March 22nd.

Genre Paintings, circulated by the American Federation of Arts. Feb. 8 to Feb. 25.

Annual Graphic Arts Exhibition of San Francisco Art Association. Feb. 12 to March 18.

### Items of Interest

Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas Jones celebrated their golden wedding anniversary December 31, 1936, at their home in this city.

They were married in North Wales, Great Britain, in 1886 and came to San Francisco early the following year and have lived in this city ever since.

Mr. Jones is 79 and Mrs. Jones is 70.

They have many friends, who extend them felicitations.

NOTE—Mr. H. T. Jones, now retired, will be remembered by many employees as the inspector who served at Eighth Avenue and Fulton Street for many years. Jones has worked for this Company or its predecessors since May 15, 1887. He worked his way up to Inspector and has served faithfully in that capacity since receiving his appointment on May 1, 1905. Inside Track joins in wishing this couple many happy returns of the day.

-Editor.

### We Repeat

Frequently we receive unsigned articles, clippings and items of interest through the mails and they cannot be used because the source is unknown. The author or the origin of clippings must be known to the Editor before publication. Many times we have had to hold items which we think would be of interest to many employees, but unless we have the information as to the origin, we cannot publish. It is not necessary that the name be published, and when requested to do so, we will gladly withhold the name of the party sending the item.

If all employees or contributors will bear this in mind, more of these interesting items can be used for the information and amusement of our

readers.

PLEASURES are mortal; virtue is immortal.—Periander.

### Lost Badges

To the conductor, motorman or employee turning in any one of the badges listed below the Transportation Department will pay \$5.00 reward. Bring the recovered badge to Room 719, at the Main Office, 58 Sutter Street, for your money.

Inspectors				
24	65			75
M	otormen	and	Cond	uctors
38	830		1387	2005
75	872		1397	2028
76	909		1423	2031
82	981		1495	2149
96	1001		1502	2222
101	1004		1504	2234
130	1065		1554	2276
195	1077		1588	2291
235	1162		1629	2323
449	1176		1690	2329
534	1178		1694	2356
538	1219		1719	2488
549	1232		1776	2555
551	1272		1885	2559
576	1291		1886	2627
597	1300		1895	2762
600	1312		1923	2779
603	1368		1976	

### Dead Line

We have always tried to publish the Inside Track so it can be delivered on the 15th of each month. This makes a "dead line" necessary, that is a set time when we must refuse copy for each issue. The work of printing and distribution requires about five working days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and in order to make delivery on time, we must set the "dead line" in advance. To be sure your contributions will be published in the current issues, send them in before the eighth of the month.

REMEMBER THE DEAD LINE, the EIGHTH.

Parking on streets where street cars operate, has been banned by an ordinance by the City of Buffalo, N.Y. This is effective from December to March, inclusive between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. The purpose of the ban on parking is in recognition of the rights of the street car rider, permitting the easy removal of snow from street car routes, and thereby making it possible to move this traffic with the least amount of delay.

The St. Louis Car Company is building three cars a day of the new P.C.C. type. These are to fill back orders from many transit companies throughout the country. They are said to be planning to increase this production to four cars per day in the immediate future.

The first of the new articulated train units has been received by the Key System for use on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. It is expected that this unit will be placed in regular service early this year, followed by the other 87 units, as fast as they arrive from the factory.

According to Charles Gordon, of the American Transit Association, there were a total of eighteen billion local rides taken in automobiles last year while only nine billion rode on transit lines. This is our field for new business. People have increased their riding habits by the use of the auto and it is our duty to sell them transit service which offers the safest ride in the street, with comfort and convenience as added reasons for leaving their cars at home. With SAFETY, COMFORT. CONVENI-ENCE and ECONOMY to offer, we have the strongest selling argument of any commodity and should make use of these points to sell our neighbors and friends.

Transit Journal News gave honor to our Vice President, Mr. L. V. Newton in their issue of January 2, 1937 by printing his picture on their

front page and commenting at length on the interest and content of his recent talks on Transit problems. In his address Mr. Newton put an end to the recent fear expressed that the cable cars would soon be replaced by busses. The matter of safety for the passengers on the grades over which the cable cars operate would prevent any change for the present he pointed out, considering the state of development of other types of vehicles.

A feature of the annual Christmas parade in Milwaukee, Wis. was a sleigh and six live reindeer carried on a flat car at the end of a five mile long parade. The reindeer were securely tied to a center rail, and Santa, on the sleigh added to the action by bowing and waving to the children along the route. All floats and vehicles were on railway flat cars.

This article printed in the Redwood City Tribune of recent date was sent in by Hans Kasberg of Sutro Division.

### "Menlo Park Youth Wins Naval Honor."

"Selection of Alfred Kasberg, of Menlo Park, as honor man for his company at the U. S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, was reported here today by Commander J. W. Gates.

"Kasberg enlisted in the Navy in November. The selection marked appreciation of his 'outstanding ability, zeal and loyalty,' the commander stated. Young Kasberg is the son of Ernest J. Kasberg of Menlo Park."



### MORE STREET SIGNS WILL BE INSTALLED

With approximately 7400 street intersections in San Francisco there are only 5000 street signs, and the Board of Public Works is paying special attention to a survey to enlarge the system before the Golden Gate Exposition opens.

Some of the intersections where signs are lacking are in undeveloped districts, such as the sand dunes, but there are at least fifty or sixty crossings where traffic is reasonably heavy

without guiding signs.

Another annoyance the survey will cure is the obscurance of street signs by traffic signals and fire and police boxes. In such cases the signs will be mounted on top of the signal.

Combined with the improvement of street signs the survey will result in a city ordinance requiring house numbers to be visible at all times from the sidewalk, thus ending the annoying hunt after dark by mail carriers and others.

### 1 1 1 . Time to Laugh

An Englishman, according to legend, gets three laughs from a joke -first, when the joke is told, second, when it is explained to him, and third, when he understands it.

The Frenchman gets only the first two—he never sees the point.

The American man gets one-he

won't wait for the point. And the American girl, of course,

gets none at all, because she's heard the joke before.—Sour Owl.

Answer That!

A well-known Royal Academician, who noticed a drawing of a fish by a pavement artist, asked the man what sort of a fish it was supposed to be.

"A shark, sir!"

"But you've never seen a shark," said the R. A.

"That's true, sir," the man agreed; "but then, don't some of those Academy chaps paint angels?"

#### Sure Thing

Caller: "I have a wonderful proposition. I want to make you rich.'

Prospect: "All right: leave the recipe with me and I'll go over it. I'm a very busy man. Just now I am engaged in negotiating a deal out of which I hope to make \$1.75 in real money. Then I will be in a position to consider new investments."-The Chaser.

### Mixed

At a political gathering an orator waxed indignant and exclaimed: "To ridicule the idea is to follow the example of the camel, which buries its head in the sand when an enemy approaches."

The rival speaker rose and reported: "Surely the gentleman, in giving utterance to this remark, must have meant to refer to the ostrich, which, in those circumstances, has a habit of putting its eye through a needle." -Ludlow Advertiser.

### Tactless

Uncle John came to stay, and before he left he gave his nephew a pound note.

"Now, be careful with that money, Tommy," he said. "Remember the saying, 'A fool and his money are soon parted."

"Yes, uncle," replied Tommy, "but I want to thank you for parting with it, just the same."-Tit-Bits.

### 1 1 1 Fish Story

A young mother, upon her husband's return from his law office in the evening, met him at the door with a proud smile.

"Oh, dearie, we weighed the baby today for the first time. And he

weighs 47 pounds."

"A6-week-old child weighs pounds? Impossible! What did you weigh him on?"

"On the scales that you carry in your kit to weigh the fish you catch." -South Dakota Bar Journal.

# · As Others See Us ·

December 23, 1936

Mr. H. B. Mills, Manager Commercial Department Market Street Railway Company 58 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for the prompt attention given to my letter of November 30th. I was first visited by the Inspector on the job at the time, later by Mr. McDermott, the regular Inspector with whom we have had friendly relations for a long time, and finally by Mr. J. P. Jones, your Division Superintendent.

These gentlemen explained the difficulties at the time and the remedy that was being used. I think the courtesy shown is an indication of the open minded attitude of the Company towards a reasonable complaint.

Since the time I wrote there have been very few complaints about the car service, and those who did complain would have been late in any case.

Let me thank you again and wish you the season's greetings.

Sincerely yours, Thomas P. Cosgrave, S.J. Vice Principal Saint Ignatius High School

### HELPFUL COURTESY ON THE PLATFORM

Editor The Chronicle—Sir: It is with the greatest appreciation and gratitude that I think of the president of the Market Street Railway.

For the past 20 months I am unable to walk except with the aid of my crutches and because of the men—the conductors on the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 21 lines—I am able to go down town and to arrive safely at my destination.

The excellent group of men are always exceptionally courteous and careful in their help to me.

Selma S. Herz,

San Francisco, Nov. 19, 1936. (Chronicle "Safety Valve", November 23, 1936.)

### Act of Unusual Courtesy Wins Admiration for Conductor J. E. Chollet



Dear Sirs:

It isn't often that I feel impelled to write to a company regarding the unusual courtesy of one of its employees, but in this instance

I feel justified in doing so.

I have always found the motormen and conductors unusually courteous on the No. 4 line. But this particular instance I have in mind occurred yesterday morning (Dec. 1st). I had to run for the car, and in getting on in a hurry at Sixth and Lake, I dropped a five cent piece, which rolled off the platform into the street. In

the meantime, the car had started, but the conductor stopped it, got off, walked back

and picked up the nickel for me.

I was actually so surprised at this unusual courtesy, that I neglected to note the conductor's number. However, I remember his face and happened to take the same street car again this morning. I did not get his own number but noted that the number of the car was 209 and that it arrived at the terminal at Sansome Street shortly after nine o'clock.

Very truly yours, Mrs. A. F. Riach, 81 7th Avenue.

### Conductor J. L. Nichols Given Unusual Commendation at Christmastide

### A CONDUCTOR COURTEOUS AND KIND

What does it mean to find A conductor courteous and kind? Especially at Christmas time When "mothers" young and old On the street cars do climb. Their arms full of bundles And perhaps a little hand in theirs, Oh! What does it mean to find A street car conductor, courteous, true and kind.

He takes your nickels or your dimes. With a pleasant face or smile,

If you happen to grab a penny,

He smiles and says, That won't take you, even at Christ-

mas time. He helps you on and off the car,

If your feet don't seem worth while. He's kind to the young and old.

Well, how do I know?



(I boarded the street car at Market and Powell this twenty-second day of December, 1936 at about 4 P.M.)

The car was crowded, and the air was grand,

I stood on the rear platform And I did see these things worth while.

It made my heart happy and glad And I want him to know,

So I'm expressing myself to thee, The one I'm speaking of is No. 723.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Bessie E. Gregg, 230 Shrader St.

P.S.—I don't know this man from Adam, only as a street car conductor, courteous and kind.

### Motorman J. C. O'Rorke's Deed of Merit Wins Admiration



Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my gratitude to one of your employees,

a young motorman.

I am here from the east and am stopping with friends on Clay Street. I boarded one of your cars, with my two small children and was loaded with bundles. When it was time for me to get off at my street, the young motorman, whose badge number is 294, was more than kind. He held my bundles and assisted my children and I off the car. You cannot imagine how much I

appreciated that act of courtesy.

Besides being so polite and courteous, he was very neat in appearance.

Respectfully, Mrs. David Zeiler, 3401 Clay Street.

### Efficiency of Operator F. Silveria Outstanding

Dear Sir:

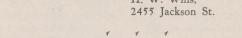
I use your No. 19 car line daily and on several occasions my attention has been drawn to your very efficient Operator No. 2147 and yesterday, December 14, I was again impressed by the conduct of this same operator. I was travelling north on the 19 car line during the rush hour, unusually large at that time due to the unexpected rainstorm between the hours of 4:30 and 5 p.m.

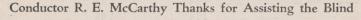
I desire to compliment Operator No. 2147 for his expert operation of his car and for his uniformly good natured and courteous treatment of the many passengers on his car.

I stood near him, and without his knowledge had a fine opportunity of judging the character of this employee of your company.

It gives me pleasure to write this letter.

Yours very truly, H. W. Wills, 2455 Jackson St.







Mr. John Banner, 600 Cak Street, Apartment 11, telephoned to commend Conductor No. 919, in charge of car No. 168, of the No. 7 line, for the courtesy and helpfulness he rendered in assisting a blind woman board the car at Laguna and Haight Streets. Also, when reaching 7th and Market Streets, he got off the car and helped this woman off and requested Mr. Banner and his wife, who were leaving the car here, to assist her across the street.

Mr. Banner thought this conductor was deserving of a fine commendation.

Commercial Department, December 20th.

### Motorman J. J. Cowhig Receives a Letter of Praise for Excellent Service

Gentlemen:



I have been paying for the privilege of standing on your cars from Kearny and Market to the S. P. Depot, night after night, and more times than not the motorman manages to bring the car to the depot exactly 15 to 30 seconds after the train has left. One evening recently a motorman operated his car in such poor manner that a large carful of commuters missed the 7:20, meaning a wait until 8:35.

However, I have withstood all the poor service without complaint, nor is this letter written in the tone of complaint.

Last evening, Wednesday, Dec. 9th I boarded a car at Kearny and Market at 5:15 with hope abandoned in regard to catching the 5:23. However, due to the clever expert handling of the car by your Motorman 2272 the passengers were discharged in more than comfortable time to catch the 5:23.

This man, Motorman 2272, deserves commendation. When I asked him his number, several on the front platform agreed with me he had given them the best service they have had yet.

This more than usually intelligent employee deserves a pat on the shoulder.

Yours very truly, Charles R. Wilson, 116 New Montgomery Street.

## Remittance Record

DECEMBER, 1936

Division	December	November	Rank in November
Valencia		74	2
McAllister	74	66	1
Sutro	75	76	3
Fillmore	90	90	4
Oak and Broderick	96	104	6
Mason and Washington	108	93	5
Geneva	134	135	7
Twenty-fourth	144	143	8
Third		164	9
All Lines	106	101	

### Valencia Leads

McAllister and Sutro Divisions give way to Valencia Division for top position, after many months of monopoly. Just why this change, has not been explained by the boys at Sutro and McAllister. There must be a reason. The second division remain about the same with no change of consequence.

### Conductor G. Peterson's Kind Attention Receives a Word of Praise



Market Street Railway Company, 58 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Calif. Gentlemen:

I would like to have you know of the very courteous treatment I have received on your lines. I travel about the city a very great deal and have impaired vision so this means a lot to me. I especially refer to No. 40 line, conductor 1243. He is exceedingly kind and attentive to all passengers and still very efficient and business-like and always calling every street which I think of paramount importance. I am

Yours truly, Mrs. M. Parkhill, 1542 Waller Street.

### Commendations

DECEMBER, 1936

DECEMBER, 19	30		
	Jan.		Total
	to		to
	Nov.	Dec.	Date
Oak & Broderick	. 28	3	31
Twenty-Fourth	. 12	2	14
McAllister	. 21	1	22
Washington & Mason	. 10	1	11
Sutro	. 17	1	18
Turk & Fillmore		0	23
Twenty-Eighth	. 18	0	18
Third	. 10	0	10
Geneva	. 17	0	17
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### FOR THE YEAR 1936

Oak and Broderick	31
Turk and Fillmore	23
McAllister Division	22
Sutro Division	18
Twenty-Eighth Street	18
Geneva Division	17
Twenty-Fourth Street	14
Washington and Mason	11
Third Street	10

To Oak and Broderick go first honors for number of commendations received during the year 1936. A coveted position for any group of men to hold.

"... There does exist an American spirit. It is a spirit of indominable hope, based upon confident belief in the future of America. It is a spirit of tolerance amid conflicting opinions and proposals. It is a spirit of human kindliness and friendship. So long as these qualities can be identified as characteristically American, we shall manage to keep house and get on..."—The New York Times.

# General Office Doings

By Mrs. Rubye McTigue



The grand essentials of happiness are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

Chalmers.

We met Motorman R. L. Courtright of the Sutro Lines on the street the other day. Mr. Courtright is the master of Lobo, the black German police dog, and Hobo, the black cat, whose picture adorned the cover of this magazine some time ago.

This time Mr. Courtright was accompanied with Lobo and Lobo, Jr., a pup of about 10 months age, whose antics had attracted quite a crowd of interested bystanders near the corner of Sansome and Market. We asked Mr. Courtright to favor us with a picture of the two dogs but as yet, we have not acquired it. Perhaps he will read our column this month.

George Mesher and Hal Sloat are taking up the Ski-Li as their latest form of exercise. George claims it an excellent eye exercise and Hal says it helps him gain precision. Christmas presents, I guess.

Who was the young lady that Harry Griffith, Jr., squired home from the Christmas party??? Is this the latest?

December 19th of last year brought Gerald and Vincent Morehouse, nephews of Miss Ann Kerwin, to pay their Christmas visit to the General Offices and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas as they do every year.

They are such manly little fellows, we are always glad to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. George Engels spent the Christmas holidays at Palm Springs this year.

Frances Lubner and Elizabeth Ogilvie are leading the parade with the "halo" headdress, which is most becoming to them.

Who nicknamed Chester Freeland "Frigidaire" and why is the situation growing colder and colder up there?

Pretty little Marcella Reed's Christmas present was in the form of a diamond ring which gladdened her heart considerably.

It is true that Fred Holheiser is studying up on "What a Young Married Man Should Know"? Good luck to you.

Mrs. Helen Doble, familiarly known as our "White Car Lady," attended the opening of the legislature in Sacramento this term and was perfectly fascinated with it.

At this writing, Russell Emerson of the Treasury Department, has not as yet returned to us but we are expecting to give him a grand welcome in the near future.

Earl Ryan took a belated vacation beginning the 21st of December to enjoy the holidays. He visited Fresno and came back the 4th of January refreshed, after a much needed rest.

Vera Senn is wearing a stunning hand knitted creation in a light shade of green that is very becoming to her.

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We wish we knew somebody in the florist business. Oh! no, we don't envy Dorothy Cohelan those green and brown freckled orchids, much.

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Someone spied out former office teammate, Bill Borland, at the controls of a Sutter Street car the other day. He should change his name to Jack, of all trades.

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We could not overlook the charming pictures of Barbara Kahn in all the leading newspapers, when she made her debut in San Mateo, December 23rd. From the description of her gown and the setting of white and gold, we know it must have been one of the outstandingly beautiful coming out parties of the season.

Those who have only made a slight acquaintance of her, know her to be a graciously lovely girl.

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Mr. L. V. Newton and family spent the Christmas holidays at the Ahwanee Lodge in Yosemite.

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Mr. Frances Jensen created quite a few friends and admirers for himself during his brief stay with the company and a certain girl sighed he was the best mailman we have had yet.

Now, won't all the former mailmen, Wonk, Remo, Elroy, be jealous? Don't try to worm it out of me who the young lady was either, because I promised never to reveal her secret.

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Mary Towne is one that really appreciates the beauty of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. She goes practically into hysterics over it whenever you mention it. I guess the most of us take it for granted.

This is really digging in the dirt.

Which two of our daintiest girl friends of the Auditing Department hied themselves with shovels and brooms to the basement one day last month, to look for some lost reports in the Waste Paper Department.

Charlie Lundquist thought he had two new janitors for a while but this unfortunate incident happens at least once a year, for which we

thank our stars.

"Life is too short," opines Helen of the Claims, "to give up the things one likes".

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We privately wondered if it was Life or Helen that was. Meow!

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Much interest is being shown in Mr. Harold Mill's Public Speaking Classes and from all the registrations, it looks like he's got something there.

The Christmas decoration of the White Car and the carols, which paraded the streets, was the brainchild of our officials and numerous letters of appreciation have been received.

Mr. Fred Will has been cutting up again. Oh, we mean on his face. That straight razor of his takes a couple of nicks from his visage now and then.

Rose Mays flame-colored dress was one of the high lights of Christmas time. A lovely shade of red with belt and flower of blue, and, believe it or not, she looked like the Fourth of July.



# 28th Street—Castro Cable

By JAMES O. BITTLES and DANNY DONOHUE



Another year passes, another takes its place. How many more shall we see? I wonder, don't you?

We are all glad to see the holidays are over, after weeks of preparing to enjoy a good time.



Motorman Campion got a dozen neck-

ties from Santa Claus. It would have been much nicer if two or three of those girls had sent Jack some shirts.

perfume it's more than a Christmas

Conductor Frisella was the only one to receive scented Christmas cards. When they spray them with

card.

Conductor McCarthy came to work Christmas morning wearing a green necktie. He must have his days mixed or else he dressed in the dark. He also wishes to thank many of the boys of this division for their assistance in the year that has just passed, and hoping that they will still be his friends in the coming year. "How about it, boys?"

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We were all surprised to see Conductor Roy Gallagher spend such a quiet Christmas. Roy was telling his friends all day, "No thanks, nothing doing." Believe it or not.

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Motorman Tim Cullen has finally got rid of all his coughs, colds and chills.

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Conductor Hayes worked the owl for a few weeks. Pete says the early morning hours did not bother him, as he wore four sweaters and two overcoats. Conductor McKeown claims he was held up by three soldiers with rifles one early morning. If Johnny was home and in bed he never would get into such trouble.

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Dispatcher Simpson has reached the toothless age. We don't know whether George is trying to whistle or talk any more; he had to eat turkey by the hash route. We are anxiously waiting when he gets his store teeth installed.

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Conductor Papale thinks Santa Claus sent him the wrong package. Johnny says he never wore silk underwear in his life. He thinks it will tear when he puts it on.

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Conductor McCoy and Motorman Botts have signed up together as they are both in the rabbit business. What do you think they will talk about when they get to the end of the line?

Motorman Wickett received all his Christmas cards at the car house. Is it possible that they don't know where he lives any more?

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Conductor Walter bought his own Christmas gift. It is an alarm clock that rings like a fire alarm. He hopes it will assist him in the coming year to wake up. The following named motormen and gripmen of the 28th and Castro Streets Division have had no chargeable accidents for the past six months, July 1st, 1936, to January 1st, 1937:

Atteberry, W L. Langston, W. J. Bertoni, A. Larsen, R. E. V. Biboli, D. C. Lowder, E. McPhun, C. Bishop, H. W. Manley, C. D. Botts, H. L. Metro, M. Burns, E. E. Butcher, W. A. Morrison, F. Campion, J. J. Munday, O. H. Olden, C. E. Carr, J. Catoir, C. E. Oslin, E. W. Pallas, J. Codino, D. Cullen, T. P. Palmer, E. J. Panos, G. Darby, O. C. Penick, D. A. Day, K. F. Dunkle, W. W. Saunders, E. Easter, C. D. Schleub, A. Schuback, J. H. Gallo, C. Sheridan, R. C. Gordon, L. Hageman, G. E. Strohecker, W. Hanneman, C. F. Vanoni, M. L. Hatzis, J. Walter, F. C. West, W. H. Healy, T. Wickett, C. E. Holtzen, F. R. Horton, J. B. Wilkening, F. Williams, S. W. Hugh, E. H. Johnsonn, F. Willman, J. Jones, H. Willwerth, J. F. Witt, R. H. Knox, J. Lang, H. A. Zucconi, E.

The following is a list of our 28th Street boys who are at present on sick leave, all of whom are well on the way to recovery, and to whom we hope the New Year will bring good health, joy and happiness.

Dupuy, E. P. Bakapanos, D. G. Knox, F. A.

Santa Claus brought Conductor Priola and his wife a precious little bundle early in December. A bouncing baby girl was born December 2nd. Both mother and baby are doing nicely. "Congratulations, John."

The following named conductors of the 28th and Castro Streets Division have had no remittance errors for the month of December, 1936: Armstrong, W. A.Long, F. E. Bassillio, J. S. Lunden, P. H. Beebe, L. R. McKeown, J. M. Beebe, R. R. Metro, J. Morris, J. L. Brill, A. C. Brown, D. G. Neuner. G. Bush, S. E. Ochesky, H. L. Cain, J. R. Papale, J. J. Cooke, A. T. Peak, C. J. Curtin, D. J. Plunkett, P. Denton, F. J. Rose, M. J. Diduch, P. Sammons, J. P. Fehlemelcher, W. Sherman, W. A. Guerrero, C. J. Siemans, D. R. Headden, J. M. Siess, R. Heffernam, C. J. Stockdale, C. A. Hendricks, W. P. Stout, V. Higueria, M. F. Sutlief, C. R. Hitchcock, A. H. Thibault, J. A. Houston, A. H. Watters, K. B. Hoy, O. Whelton, C. Leahy, T. P. White, W. H. Lewis, J. Wiser, J. H.

Have you ever noticed how Motorman Sortors admires himself when he is standing in front of those mirrors. He even takes side glances.

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When Conductor Hoffman eats he usually takes a short nap between courses. George says that it is heavy thinking that causes it.

Motorman Vanoni tried to operate a one man car from Daly City a few weeks ago; when he got a few blocks he discovered that he had left Conductor Bloom at Daly City.

Conductor Bush got a 12 pound turkey for Christmas. Being only two in the family, Stanley was still eating it when New Year's arrived, but the hash is yet to come.

This column extends to all the boys of this division a Happy and Prosperous New Year, "and we mean it."

# Oak and Broderick

By J. L. EDMISTON

Now that the football season is over at Kezar with an attendance of over 500,000, Oak and Broderick would like to thank the different divisions and departments who helped handle the large crowds attending the games. Not a single mishap. Many thanks for your hearty co-operation.

With the new sign up in effect, we find Jim Treanor on No. 1 Ellis. Jim is mighty proud of this new run, and he still just don't understand how it came down to him.

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Jim Korakakis, during the holiday rush, has been collecting down on Market Street at different points. Korie likes it very much, but says you sure have to watch your step as the cars come along, so as not to get it on the chin.

It has been rumored that Fred Wheaton is going to trade in his old Durant for a brand new Pontiac "6." Fred believes in keeping up to date and style, so don't be surprised to see him in his new car any time.

Confused passenger to Operator Hourcaillou: "Let me off at the next stop, Operator, I thought this was a lunch wagon."

Some time ago Jim Korakakis went out to get a fishing license at one of the stores on Haight Street. After looking over the licenses, the store keeper told him he did not have any fishing licenses, but had some hunting licenses. Korie told the store keeper that he was not a good enough shot to shoot fish and was going to stay with the old cork and line for a while yet.

Earl Fraser spent his Christmas up at Williams, Calif., visiting his many friends. While there the folks put on an old time dance for Earl, dancing the old time quadrilles and waltzes, which put him right in his glory, as he is one of the old timers who is able to call the old time dances.

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Boris Erdiakoff, a champion fisherman of Oak and Broderick, is sure holding up to his record at the closing of the year by catching several fine messes of striped bass, which he distributed among his many friends. Boris is one of the many champs here at Oak and Broderick who has shown any results. A person sitting around the gilly room hears many a fine fish story, but never a fish to show as evidence what they really did.

Santa Claus visited Lenard Pedersen early this year and gave him a nice new wool jacket, which pleased him very much and keeps him as warm as toast.

Henry Noll and wife went to Stockton for Christmas to be among their relatives and friends. Henry said that old Santa crawled down the chimney and left a nice lot of presents for all the folks, which made them all full of Christmas cheer.

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Steve Wierzbick visited Hollywood during the holidays, and was very fortunate in seeing a good many of the movie stars while there. Steve is quite a sheik, so it is very lucky for us that some of the producers did not see him and sign him up, and then we would have been short a good motorman.

Don Flowers, our very good friend and comrade, presented Sam Siegel, with all pomp and ceremony, a very wonderful cigar, Floro De Ropo, for Christmas. Sam was very well pleased with the gift and told Don he would not smoke the cigar until he got home, as he wanted to be seated at the time he lit it. . Sam is insured, but he don't believe in taking chances

Jim Treanor and wife spent a very wonderful week end in Los Angeles visiting relatives and friends. They left here at 10:00 P.M. and arrived in Los Angeles at 9:00 A.M. the next morning with a few stop overs. A trip like this with Jim and his new car is just about the same as going over to Oakland, only not so quick and they said they were not tired a

Comrade Commander Henry Pfeiffer and Comrades of Byllesby Post No. 3000 and auxiliary put the Christmas entertainment over in fine style, which was held on December 22nd, at the War Memorial Building. The children were royally entertained and given presents by Santa Claus (Sam Siegel), who handled the job in fine style.

Here are a few of the men appearing on the sick list at this time who would welcome a visit from some one of their friends:

Young, H. E. Allen, R. B. Miller, H. J. Barba, L. Terrell, H. G. Schneider, C. Stevens, W. H. (Fat) Plant, T. O'Rear, A. L. Phipps, W.

The following list gives the names of conductors and operators at the Oak and Broderick Division who were not on the short and over list for the month of November, 1936:

Anglus, J. Anderson, Jas. Almos, T. Barba, L. Bain, H. Bailly, E. Baillie, J. Brechwald, E. Byers, W. Brady, P. J. Barnett, F. Behlendorf, H. Berner, C. Carr, S. Cheney, D. Crooch, A. B. Coffey, M. Colbert, P. Cowden, R. Crutchley, A. Darcey, T. Duke, E. Eaton, C. O. Eagan, J. Fay, W. Fox. G. Finklestein, B. Field, H. Franklin, F. Fraser, Earl Gedgate, F. Gray, J. Geldmacher, C. Gold, A. Harper, L. Hamann, H. Hegarty, T. Heintz, C. Hodges, R. Hildebrand, H. Young, H. E.

Love, S. V. Lucier, A C. Mickell, L. Meyers, W. Moore, W. Maloney, M. Montaubon, E. Milne, J. Morris, F. Mosley, J. Monroe, M. McClelland, Wn. McClelland, B. Nichols, J. Noll, H. O'Connor, J. J. O'Rear, A. L. Orner, J. Phipps, W. Pedersen, L. Polivka, A. Pfeiffer, H. Rinker, G. Rudiger, C. Rice, T. Rontree, T. Stevens, E. C. Stevens, W. H. Sabo, H. Stevens, W. H. Smith, M. Terrell, H. Wilson, A. Wooliever, W. Wyhlidko, J. White, C. Woods, W. T. Wilks, J. Wade, L.

### DO YOU KNOW

When you are operating your car through a congested area, if you glance at autos at the curb and watch for the driver or front wheel about to turn, you may avoid "out from curb" accidents?

Below are the names of Motormen, One-man Operators, and Trolley Coach Operators of Oak and Broderick Division who had no accidents from June 1st, 1936, to November 30th, 1936:

Anderson, Jno.	Langer, F.
Allen, M. R.	Miller, J. B.
Clark, W. F.	Miller, J. C.
Carlson, A. E.	McCullough, T
David, F.	McCarthy, D. E.
Dodd, B. D.	McDonald, F. D.
Estus, H.	Navarra, J.
Fordtran, G.	Polcyn, J.
Fleming, E.	Pedersen, L.
Gillingham, F.	Provich, G.
Harper, G. O.	Quistad, J. R.
Hynch, J. J.	Rice, J. G.
Hudaklin, M.	Wheaton, F.
Jablonski, S.	Young, H. E.

As God is the source of all good and of all happiness, He is Himself sufficient to satisfy all our longings, and to fill up the gap which the loss of the world leaves.

—General Gordon.

#### **Quick Thinker**

"Who owns those ferryboats I tripped over coming down the stairs just now?"

The landlady gave a fierce look. "Ferryboats, indeed!" she gasped. "I'll have you understand they are my shoes."

The boarder gulped uneasily. "Did I say ferryboats?" he hastily asked. "I meant 'fairy boots."

The Governor of West Virginia, while traveling through Arizona, noticed the dry, dusty appearance of the country.

Governor: "Doesn't it ever rain here?"

Native: "Rain? Rain? Why, say, pardner, there's bullfrogs in this town over 10 years that have not learned to swim yet."

NOTHING'S so hard but search will find it out.—Herrick.

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# Complaints

DECEMBER, 1936

Division	Discourtesy	Fares	Transfers	Inattention	Total Dec.	Total Nov.
Third	0	0	0	0	0	1
McAllister	0	0	0	0	0	3
Washington & Mason	0	0	0	0	0	5
Sutro	1	0	0	0	1	4
Twenty-Eighth	2	0	0	0.	2	2
Turk & Fillmore	2	0	0	0	2	2
Twenty-Fourth	1	0	0	2	3	6
Geneva	1	0	0	4	5	4
Oak & Broderick	1	0	0	. 4	5	4
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Complaints for the month of December are down a little from previous months. Included in two brackets, Inattention and Discourtesy. The Holidays should leave some beneficial results towards correcting these faults. Three divisions were able to go through the month without a single complaint. This is a good score to strive for.

# 24th and Utah Gilly Room Gossip

By CONDUCTOR WALTER CLAPP



Life is a song! and as we enter this year of 1937 it all depends on our individual contribution whether it will be a harmonious symphony or a harsh discord of

blatant notes.

### f f f Romance!

They were hidden, sitting in the moonlight alone. No word broke the stillness for half an hour until—

"Suppose you had money," she asked, "what would you do?"

He drew out his chest in all the glory of young manhood: "I'd travel."

He felt her warm hand slide into his. When he looked up she had gone. In his hand was a nickel.

It's safe for Ray Marshall to bring a girl to the dance now for his rival has surrendered to Cupid's dart. Yessiree! After all these years, Frank Howe has announced his engagement to his childhood sweetheart. Wedding bells are expected to ring out sometime next June.

Don Plamondon has returned to work off the sick list. With Leap Year over this eligible bachelor finds it safe to venture out

"The trouble with most carmen," sez Roy Pendleton, "is that they have an idea that their duty is to get the cars over the line, when the main idea of the whole thing is to get the passengers over the road."

Conductor Bill Cahill has traded his Silver Avenue home for a ranch down Santa Cruz way where Bill commutes over the week ends.

Dave Mattley asks: "If a bachelor

is a man who has been crossed in love, would a married man be a man who had been double crossed?"

Shopman Jimmy Cox, as a member of the Bayshore City Volunteer Fire Department, attended a big banquet Thanksgiving Day. And now the rumor persists, although stoutly denied by Jimmy, that he stuffed himself so full of turkey, mince pie, etc. (especially the etc.). that he was unable to answer an alarm.

A. A. Grube has returned from his temporary instructor's role to piloting a car up and down 24th Street.

A. E. Beese has taken another signup on 15 West. This will allow him plenty of time to take his dog for a walk every morning.

A bouncing baby boy was born on Christmas Day to an A. H. McIsaac. But save your congratulations, it was not our Motorman A. H. but someone with a similar name.

Motorman Walter J. MacDonald is now temporary towerman down at the Ferry Loop, which is a good way to keep dry these wintry months. Meanwhile we see our new regiment of collectors, Holbrook, Baptista, Prescott, Kelso, et al, attired in new raincoats and rubbers.

Pat Hussey, who is in full charge of all the Sunday A. M. service up and down 26th Street, reports this to be a fact: Just as he started to pull out from the terminal a confused passenger dashed up to him and said—

"Let me off, I thought this was a lunch wagon."

Harry Klezmer has bought a new

streamlined, high speed changer for his run on Polk Street. The old one just couldn't take it any longer.

"A man wrapped up in himself," says Pop Stringer, "makes a very small package."

Charlie Taylor, having finished painting and remodeling fhe old homestead, has given up his three-day-a-week block for a run with a more substantial pay check.

Larry Dutson has had all his uppers yanked out and is now being fitted with a new set of store teeth.

An autoist made a sudden left turn in front of him, but before he could stop his car Joe Andretty plowed into the auto.

"Whats da matt!" stormed the furious Joe. "Why you no stikka out da hand, Huh?"

"Well," replied the driver, "if you couldn't see a big thing like my auto, how did you expect to see a little thing like my hand?"

Santa Claus wore a Market Street Railway uniform this year according to Mrs. Roy Brewer. With her husband in the hospital with a fractured hip, the big basket of holiday foodstuffs that we donated sure made it a Merry Christmas for this family.

Now we know how Motorman Behnken obtains that marvelous rugged physique. He's a woodchopper in his spare moments. If you need a little firewood, see Behnken.

Tiger Thompson sings:
I am not handsome by far,
But my face, I don't mind it,
For I am behind it,
It's those in front that I jar.

It is reported that our aviation expert, Bill Bostwick, became so interested in explaining why that big airliner crashed, that he pulled out of the Ferry terminal with both trolleys and fenders up.

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Mike Hider, one Saturday pull-in trip, lifted the lever at Twenty-Second and Mission. Then instead of jumping back on the car, stopped to give some information to a passing pedestrian. The result was his motorman ran to the barn without him and Mike had to hitch-hike down.

We notice the Gilley room over at 23rd and 3rd Streets is improving by leaps and bounds. Which reminds us that we must keep up our monthly donations to keep ours in first class condition.

George Lydeard went to the fruit market to purchase some apples for his wife who was in the midst of her canning chores.

"Do these apples make good strawberry jelly?" asked George.

"Do they?" replied the fruit merchant. "These apples make finer strawberry jelly than apricots. In fact if you chop up these apples and mix them with grapefruit, they make a prunewhip that tastes more like cherry pie than any pumpkin you ever put into a chocolate eclair."

Johnnie Lucas, who is the father of a family of girls is now also the proud daddy of a bouncing baby boy. The stork presented Mrs. Lucas with a set of twins, just before Christmas. One of the babies was born dead, we are sorry to relate. The other one and the mother are getting along fine.

Assistant chief cook and bottle washer over at Ole's, Mr. West, cut his finger the other day. He rushed over to the Gilley room and made good use of our medicine cabinet to bandage it up. He then asked Ivy Smith, who happened to be standing idly by, to fasten it down with adhesive tape.

"You'd better bandage the one next to it, too," said Ivy, "it's bleeding, too."

"Good Gosh," said West, "I've bandaged the wrong one."

# Third Street Division News

By J. J. Carbone

Conductor J. J. (Bad News) Burke bought a new phonograph record, entitled "A Star Fell Out of Heaven". The other side of it reads, "If you don't come home at nine, the door is locked".

Operator Spiro Missa got a nice Christmas present, in a pair of button shoes.

Don't forget the Gilly Room. A thin dime, please.

Famous sayings by Operator G. Dougherty: "Have that sandwich, I am in a hurry."

Operator T. Cadigan will soon have to be wearing sun glasses.

Button, Button, who has the button? Operator Toed Rodenberger gave 25c change for just a button, it was a brass one.

Yes, the Italians are doing something good. Silverstine was on report, he talked Lera to lay off and Lera did.

A good detective story. Operator Gussie Stoltz would like to know how the cigarette butts were found on the floor of his auto.

Operator George (Mope) Schmidt says Christmas trees grow in his automobile.

Operator W. McGeough received a Christmas present of a phonograph record entitled, "When I am Old and Grey". What's the meaning of this, Mac?

Operator J. Mahoney says there is a catch to it when you get something for nothing!

A good operator is a man who can leave the end of the line on time; and get to the other end on time. So we've heard.

Collector Harry Sumner down at the Southern Pacific Depot was asked if he wanted to buy part of the Bay Bridge.

Anyone having large brass buttons, see Operator Toed Rodenberger, who will give real money for them.

Have you paid your dues for the Gilly Room? No, well, then start the New Year out right. Let's have a Gilly Room we can be proud of.

Oh! Yes, Operator Silverstine tears off the ends of two-dollar bills.

Operator Elmer (The Great) Schivo does not like the color yellow.

Final—Operator Clarence (Tony) Krueger has decided to buy a combination. What is it? Automobile and trailer??

Operators, if you can't remember to call out the streets, read this over three times.

Kearny Montgomery told Sansome to bring the Battery Front. While Davis beat the Drum on the Embarcadero, Fremont Beale of Main threw a Spear at Stewart on the Embarcadero. Teddy and Arleta from Bay Shore, meet Raymond Lealand of Visitacion in Sunnyvale. Jackson Washington took Clay to Sacramento, California, to plant the lonesome Pine near the Bush on Sutter Creek by the Post to Mr. Geary.

Following is a list of men at Third Street Division, who were not involved in a chargeable accident from July 1, 1936 to December 31, 1936:

Cadigan, T. Manning, F. Dudune, S. Missa. S. Du Bose, B. Meade, J. McGlynn, P. Diefendorf, W. Eaton, A. Maslach, J. Michelini, A. Ferretti. J. Fox, J. Percival. O. Graves, G. Ruiz, S. Greiner, J. Slaby, A. Hagemann, H. Stojanovich, S. Hutchings, W. Stoltz, A. Jackson, C. Schmidt, G. Smith, G. A. Krueger, C. Laughlin, W. Theodos, J. Mamas, J. Williams, C.

The following operators at Third Street Division were not on the short list during the month of December, 1936:

Azzopard, C. Schmidt, G. Daugherty, G. McCarthy, T. Graves, G. Meade, J. Holmes, F. Missa, A. Hutchings, W. Mullins, D. Jackson, C. Metropulos. P. Krasno, J. Patterson, H. Krueger, C. Rechnitzer, H. Slaby, A. Lera, P. Lose, F. Theodos, J. Laughlin, W. Cowhig, J. Shetookin, M.

#### Just the Man

With an impressive gesture, the long-haired visitor faced the manager of the radio station.

"I should like to secure a place on your dramatic staff," he announced impressively.

"Are you an actor?" asked the radio manager.

"Yes."

"Had any experience acting without an audience?"

Tears came to the actor's eyes as he said, "Acting without audiences is why I am here, sir."—American Legion Monthly.

### It Happened In-

Cardiff, Wales.—Over a churchyard gate, there was an inscription: "This is the Gate to Heaven". Beside it (during alterations being made in the church) hung a sign: "Go around the other way".

Poplar Bluff, Mo.—A girl basketball player shoved a live mouse into the pocket of her blouse and defied opponents to interfere with her shots.

Peoria, III.—Arrested for zigzagging through downtown traffic in his speeding automobile, Lew Tucker explained: "My girl had the hiccups, and I was trying to scare her out of them."

Evanston, III. — Mrs. Arthur B. Haven scored in Traffic Court. "I can't pay my fine," she said, "it's not in my budget". The judge, himself budget bound, dismissed the defendant.

Newart, N. J.—Mrs. Emile Arslanian testified that her husband preferred to live in a tree and was granted her petition for divorce.

(Liberty News)

### A RESOLUTION

Here's a New Year's resolution, Anyone can make and keep. It will help one's constitution And enable one to sleep.

- I will try to keep from fretting,When I cannot see the sun.I will try to keep from gettingInto accidents, I may shun.
- I will try to keep from grieving
  Over troubles that are past.

  I will try to keep believing
- I will try to keep believing
  Things will all come right at last.
- I will try to keep from sighing, When I ought to smile instead.
- I will try to keep on trying
  To avoid accidents and get ahead.

# Geneva Eight Wheel Gossip

By J. F. FREDERICK and W. WEILAND

Well, boys, the old year is out and the new year is in. Although we have made a good showing in the past year, let's make 1937 a banner year in the annals of Geneva.

In the year 1936, Geneva made tops in the least amount of accidents for the following three months: April, September, and October; although that is a good showing, let's all strive to make all the months of 1937 tops all the way through.

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The racing season is with us again, but leave it to Geneva to take care of racing fans that travel via White Front cars to the racing tracks that Geneva serves with the cooperation of the officials and men of Geneva. These people are always assured of first class service.

Morris Guttman has finally admitted that the Nazi salute is O.K.

Who is the conductor that copies Saturday time on week days?

1 1 1 At last, we have found Tom Herbert's pet words: "What are we, men or mice?"

And while, we are on this pet word stuff, how about Gowanlock, "What do ya say!"

1 1 1 We wonder if Al Schirmer is slipping. His toreador shirts don't flirt their matched neckties any more.

1 1 1 Conductor L. Thomas came in the office the other day and wanted off, saying he was terribly sick and what was the price of a pair of crutches. Later he came back and said he had a tooth pulled. Poor boy.

No Chargeable Accident Motormen and Motor Coach Operators for 1936.

The following men have made out reports but were not charged:

C. Adams W. Adams F. Beckman A. Bedford C. Bedford C. Blakely A. Bosnos S. Combs R. Currie T. Doran J. Fredericks J. Frescure R. Gehring C. Gikas W. Grassi F. Hagan E. Harrison W. Haves A. Hess J. Hirschier M. Hollen

J. Hummel H. Jones L. Jones J. Knight W. Konig F. Latrouel W. Leiss

W. Lenz M. Lewkowicz W. Lusk E. McCune C. McManus F. McManus F. Petite A. Piffero A. Quinn E. Ray A. Rolando W. Ruhe N. Schepp L. Schelley W. Schrover N. Stamos A. Streich M. Swager S. Wade R. Walters W. Weiland T. Wells R. Wetzel G. Wilson J. Wishart C. Wood O. Woodrow N. Psarros

Geneva Division Honor Roll Motormen and Motor Coach Operators for 1936.

The following men have made no accident reports for the entire year of 1936:

C. Mesusan

J. Preston

S. Butler A. Cook C. Dittero E. Gannon

A. Rolando J. Sidery G. Harrison J. Welch R. London M. Giomi S. Lopez C. Williams

J. McNeil

Ask Conductor Sass how you should light a fusee. He knows his suburban railroading.

### Honor Roll No Error Conductors For 1936

What! No 100 per cent money counters for the year????

Let's try to make 1937 a banner year for our Division.

### Try It

"Very well, how do you spell 'need,' meaning to need bread?"

"Knead, of course,"

"Wrong."

"Wrong? Meaning to knead bread, you said, didn't you?"

"Yes,"

"Well, it's knead."

"Not at all; you knead dough, but you need bread."-Wall Street Journal.

### 1 1 1 The Hint

"To what do you attribute your start on the road to success?"

The self-made man pondered. "I think," he said, "it must have been the fact that when I was an office boy I laughed louder than any of the other boys at the manager's jokes." -Pearson's.

Oklahoma Jurisprudence

After waiting an unreasonably long time for a jury verdict in several cases, an Oklahoma City judge got an idea. He had comfortable chairs removed from the jury room and substituted hard-seated ones for them. Then he timed his jury men and found they reached verdicts averaging an hour less time than before. Deciding to keep up the good work, he took out even the hardseated chairs and made the jury men stand while deliberating. That cut down the time still more.

The judge's latest move was to nail down the windows, causing the air to become stale in a very short time - which reduced deliberating time of the jury still further.-Wall Street Journal.

#### Reasonable

Mistress: "Minnie, I rang for you. Didn't you hear?"

Maid: "No, ma'am. A lory must have been passing."

"But I rang five times."

"Well, then, ma'am, it looks as if five lorries must have been passing." -Schweizer Illustrierte.

### 1 1 1 Considerate

Prospective Buyer: "I want to buy a home way out in the country, at least a mile from the nearest neighbor."

Agent: "Oh, I see, you want to practice the simple life?"

Prospective Buyer: "No, the saxophone."

### Comforting

"I realize, dear, I'm not much to look at."

"Oh, Jimmie, that's all right-you know you'll be at the office all day."

### CONDUCTORS

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By E. DUTCHER



Who said that one of our Conductors went and jumped in the bay? He was seen five minutes after this story was told.

Some one said they saw Sheriff carrying a big doll the other day. We are all wondering whose Christmas present that could have been.

Boys, get acquainted with Switchiron Wiley.

Talk about your quick moving. Operator Balthaser was seen moving very fast the other day. Tell the boys all about it, Ed.

Steve says he met a fellow the other day who hasn't had a drink since he came here. Come to find out he was born here.

Liff (Me have a daylight) is still working the night runs.

All of the boys of this division said they had a very nice Christmas. And we hope all of you did.

Isn't it funny how luck sticks with some of the boys. And again some of us are so unlucky.

The old saying, "Murder will out." Come to find out the reason for Motorman Leo Logasa being laid up in the hospital for a short while, was that he took his first ride on horse back. We all felt sorry for you, Leo, but that was the best we could do.

Born to the wife of Ex-Motorman Leon "Peanuts" Carley of this division, on December 5th, a very cute  $7\frac{1}{2}$  pound baby girl. The boys were looking for cigars, Leon.

What did Roby get the goil for Xmas? Yes, we are all wondering.

Operator J. J. Regan has taken a few weeks off. You know John likes these days when he can get out and around.

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Operators R. W. DeBord and J. A. DeBord of this division had their father and mother spend the Christmas holidays with them. They are from Iowa.

Operator W. Wallace has been laid up for the last few weeks with a bad infected finger.

Motorman G. Young spent his Christmas in the south. Drove down to Los Angeles a few days before.

Operator J. A. DeBord is laid up with a broken wrist. Seems that on the night he broke it, it was raining and he slipped and fell on the sidewalk.

We Sing—All Sing—My Sing. This is the name one of our motormen had given to him.

Old Doc J. C. Sawyer is working on the Balboa line this sign-up.

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Employees, whose watches do not keep accurate time, should have Preston regulate them.

Will be at the car house in the evening every two weeks. —Adv.

Our old friend Shurgin is keeping the slate clean. We cannot find a thing to say about him.

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The following is a list of the Conductors and Operators of the Turk and Fillmore Division who have had no errors in their daily remittances for the month of November 1936: Kennedy, C. W. Smyth, T. Longfellow, J. Schmidt, H. Newman, E. H. Hollis, A. Hess. E. Petrucela, C. Coverdale, R. T. Blacklock, F. G. Jones, J. Giblin, P. V. J. Stanford, L. Bassillio, E. Milanesi, L. Flowers, D. S. Himes, J. W. Mattson, G. I. Baronie, R. Barrett, J. F. Yelavich, F. Williams, T. E. McCullough, J. K. Eyer, G. Markussen, K. J. Taylor, F. Boothe, F. R. Regan, J. J. Gard. F. B. Marcum, H. M. Chilson, L. McLaughlin, C. Bethell, J. W. Marlow, V. A. Evans, T. Z. Engle, H. R. Boschetti, E. Hutchison, W. West, G. Clemo, S. E. Ellis, G. Scott, G. L. Hester, I. D. Olsen, J. H. Warwick, J. Stringer, B. E. Wimmer, W. Stagg, W. R. Carpine, M. Streit, J. Beirne, J. J. Bishop, R. C. Leahy, M. Wimmer, R. C.

Old Doc Stork made his call at the home of Operator T. E. Williams. A baby girl weighing seven pounds was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Williams at the St. Joseph's Hospital on December 8. Mother and baby are both doing very nicely. The boys said that Tommy smoked all the cigars.

Who was this operator making a wild dash for liberty the other day? Ed ought to be able to tell you and the reason for it all.

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We are hoping that the New Year brings a lot more happiness. And that all resolutions will not be broken.

The last day of the year finds our motorman who always wears a flower in his coat getting married. It's none other than Motorman E. C. Sentman. And we all want to wish you a lot of happiness.

Conductor C. E. Clemo is still at home convalescing. He has been a very sick boy.

Motorman V. E. Allen and family sent a nice Christmas card to the boys of this division, thanking them for the nice Christmas they made for all of them. Our only hope is to see you back on the platform soon.

Motorman E. H. Newman is still away, recovering from his long sick spell. Hope to see you back with us soon, Ed.

Like Leather

"What would you do if you were served with a tough steak and a dull knife?"

"I'd strop the knife on the steak."

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## McAllister Division

By Bill Schulz

There is a rather fat, bald-headed man that boards my car at Hayes and Steiner Streets, who is always asking where he can find Motorman Bill Spinnetti. He wouldn't give me his name, but said Bill would know him from the name of a song, so here it is—"Did you ever see a dream walking?" Bill will certainly recognize this song for this fellow says he used to sing it to Bill every morning going down to work.

Last month all the boys had to fill out blanks for the Social Security Act. Someone found out that Herb from the Fashion Clothing Company was a good letterer and knew how to fill out the blanks so all the boys mobbed around him and set him to work fixing theirs. And Herb went right ahead with a big smile on his face and helped the whole gang. The boys asked me to thank him for his kindly assistance, and I hear that in appreciation, Herb, some of the fellows are going to let you win a game of pool once in a while.

I hear that the crew on the Owl are getting to be known as the two moochers. Willie Gray, the conductor, got a pie the other night and he had to cut it in half for his motorman, "Pussey" Lemeiux. Then he got a bag of doughnuts, but I don't think he let Pete know, so he took them home himself. After getting into the barn, he was mooching Dispatcher Elmer Maples for cigars and when Elmer broke down and gave him one, Willie said, "You sure are a tightwad, Bill Johnson always gives me two."

I hear Conductor Pinky Tobin had a bet of a few shaves on the California-Stanford football game. Yes, you are right, Pinky lost on Stanford. He told me that he had a seat on the 40-yard line in the Gilly room.

I see Motorman Gallemore and Conductor Glasserman talking on the side the other day. I bet Mr. Glasserman was telling Mr. Gallemore all about the stock market. I hear Ernie is dreaming about airplanes going up and down.

Motorman Patrick Esposito is getting so tired of beating Conductor Jimmy Allen at pool and checkers that he is asking everyone to give Jim a few lessons in both games so that he can give him a little competition.

There was a false face hanging up in the Gilly room with a sign on it reading—"This mask reserved for Motorman Parrell and McDowell." I was accused of putting the mask up, but I think that either McDowell or Parrell bought it themselves.

They say that one day last month Conductor Jack Flynn was running around the carhouse trying to borrow a penny. Oh! Oh! I almost forgot to say that this happened on pay day and Jack did not want to break a nickel. He wanted the penny for a stamp.

I hear that Motorman Seeleye goes down town on his day off and looks at all the 15c shows. If they have a good cowboy and Indian picture he goes to the show, otherwise he buys a cowboy magazine and goes home and reads.

Any Christian spirit working kindly in its little sphere, whatever it may be, will find its mortal life far too short for its vast means of usefulness.—Charles Dickens.

They say Conductor Tom Forde got so mad and excited at the wrestling matches that whoever goes with him has a very tough job stopping Tom from falling out of the gallery. They also say Tom is getting to be a good pool player—he has the knack of knocking all the ringers in with his elbows.

I wonder if the sun is still shining down at Brisbane on these frosty mornings. I wish someone would ask Conductor "Chopstick" Martin for me.

Conductor Mickey McPartland, better known as Morpheus, is doing his sleeping in between swings over at the restaurant back room. When asked about this, Mickey said that he quit sleeping in the booths because they were too cold.

Conductor Al Lagosa bought a new streamline watch. Now, if Al would only get a little exercise and get a streamline figure, wouldn't that be something.

Conductor Roberts says that Conductor Klein sure did teach his son the proper way to wave his hand at a car man on Hayes Street.

Our follow-up man, Mr. Leo Brothers was seen with a large bump along side of his left eye. Mr. Brothers has the usual excuse of bumping into a door or a gate, etc.

Motorman Seeleye and Conductor Robertson went quail hunting last month and Seeleye says Robertson got the limit. I noticed Robertson with an ax the day before they went and he told me he was also going to bring home a couple of Christmas trees, but like Conductor Weepah McAuliffe he didn't get one.

I hear that Motorman Ed Siler has a chauffeur who drives him pretty near to the outskirts of Los Angeles for a cup of coffee and doughnuts. Have you taken a trip across

the Bay Bridge yet, Ed? If you have, how does the great city of Oakland look in the early morning.

We have another shorty as a motorman in our division, and I think that one of the inspectors is about due to tell him that he should not use a stool on Market Street. His name is DeDomonic. I think we ought to chip in and get him a pair of stilts.

I hear that Conductor Stevens has moved down the country to Sharps Park and knowing how much Steve likes fishing, I'll bet that he gets up in the early morning and fishes all along the beach before coming to work. Well, here's hoping he gets a big one.

Our sincerest regrets to Conductor Hooper in the loss of his wife.

Boys, I think I have found the champion tobacco user of all time in Motorman O. V. Terry. He smokes cigars and chews tobacco at the same time.

Motorman Conrad looked out the window one Sunday last month—it looked like rain so he turned over and went to sleep again. Check one oversleep for Mr. Conrad.

I wonder why Motorman Grant could not go to the football games during the holidays?

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Have you seen the cute little pipe Motorman Tex Gylkinson is smoking? Most of the boys are afraid that Tex will burn the tip of his nose if he is not careful.

Anyone wanting teeth pulled should consult Motorman Lombardi. He claims he pulls his own teeth and saves \$2.00 for each extraction. I think he has four uppers left.

We're glad to see Conductor Mc-Gushion back after a long illness.

I wonder if Conductor Tomola can explain why he is getting so absent minded. One night last month he was about to turn in his outfit and he found he had left his trip sheet out on the car. When he came back with it, he found his money sack had disappeared. Boy! Was his face red, and you should have heard the sigh of relief when everything got straightened out.

All last sign-up Motorman Troy and Conductor King used to meet at the checker table. I don't know who won, but these two fellows surely do concentrate when they are playing.

Conductor Moffatt surely did a nice job of serving his six days on the bench for over-sleeps.

I wonder if Al Lagosa could tell us who the well known motorman is that is always mooching cigarettes as soon as he comes into the carhouse.

I saw Motorman Clarke coming from town a few days before Christmas with a little wagon under his arm. I expect to see his conductor, McDonald, riding down the hill at Baker Street any day now.

They say that Conductor Flynn has been bitten by the green-eyed monster. I asked Mr. Flynn what it was all about so he just pulled out his wallet and showed me the reason with this remark, "Wouldn't you be jealous, too?"

I hear that since the "Beef trust" was published, most of the boys are starting to get a little exercise. Take Conductor Al Lagosa for instance—they say he has been spading the back yard.

The height of laziness is when a motorman is so tired at night that he has to have his conductor carry in the gate handle for him. I don't know who the motorman is, but my guess is Al Gubler.

They say that Conductor John Ball is getting so feeble that the waitress over at the restaurant has to feed him his dinner. How's about it, Johnny?

Conductor Sandy McDonald sure likes his sweets for he was seen over at the little shop at 8th and Clement eating doughnuts with sugar all over them. He must have been plunging for he had the Mrs. along.

One of the boys asked Conductor Coleman where he got the nice white shirt and his answer was "Tell that Dutchman to go to the morgue."

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Foolish questions: Conductor Mc-Ewen phoning Night Dispatcher Bob Moyle and asking what he should do with a pocket full of quarters that he had forgotten to turn in.

Motorman Baker sure looks like he is going to town. He has a new uniform and cap. Tom Green says "He sho 'nuff looks mighty sweet."

They tell me that Motorman Ralph Weidinger was sure having a tough time trying to throw a switch with the air and power before he finally remembered it was a lever switch.

Tom Green and Bill Riddell were starting to play pool one day and they tossed a coin to see who would break the balls. The coin went up but that was the last they saw of it. I think the boys are still looking around to see where it disappeared.

Conductor Johnny Forde took off his shoe and sock at the beach to fix his sore foot and his motorman, Baker, stole his sock. Johnny got so mad he said that if he could find a feather duster he would have hit Baker on the head and knocked his brains out. Better look out, Baker, he is liable to drown you in a mud puddle.

I was thoroughly reprimanded by Conductor Norcia for overlooking the fact that on October 25, 1936, he became the proud father of a baby boy, 7 pounds 7 ounces. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Norcia.

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Charlie's dream: Conductor Martin came to work one day last month and asked Mr. Johnson what he should do about an accident he had. He said there were two ladies standing on the step of his car and one fell off backwards. When he got down to help the lady, she got up and started to run away so he chased her. Mr. Johnson, who had been held in suspense long enough asked, "Then what happened?" Martin, with a big grin on his face, said, "Then I woke up."

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Motorman Knaack was seen at the Harding Theatre with a large sheet of paper, about the size of a newspaper in fact, containing all the numbers of tickets he had on an automobile they were giving away. Motorman Knaack did not win.

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Conductor Eld wanted to be to work on time Christmas Day, so he showed up at the carhouse one hour ahead of time, much to his own surprise.

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The day before Christmas they were singing carols in front of the S. P. Building and the Master of Ceremonies asked the crowd to sing Jingle Bells, Run No. 23 McAllister happened to be stopped there at the time. When the conductor gave two bells and the car didn't move, he walked to the front end to see what was wrong and he found his motorman, Seeleye, singing at the top of his voice. The conductor says the singing was not so good but it sure was loud.

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Anyone having any old pencils please give them to Conductor Wimpy Jones. They say he has quite a collection in his room but never has any on his person. I suggest we have a collection to be taken on the first Friday of each month.

"Ginger" Aldrich was in such a hurry to get to the barn one morning that he put his vest on inside out.

Conductor Flynn has made a vow that he will not pick another rainy day to kid the men in the Loop about their rain outfits.

If you hear anyone around the gilly room giving the conductors the horse laugh about leather coats, you can bet Ralph Weidinger has something to do with it.

Motorman Knaack pulled in over the pit and asked the shop foreman to take three motors out of his car as it was too fast for the hills on Hayes Street.

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Night Shopman Lloyd Stillings, better known as the "Simon Legree" of the night crew, bought his annual new hat to wear around the shop.

Since Jack Watson and Wimpy Jones have been room mates, Jack has learned the manly art of mooching pencils.

Employees, whose watches do not keep accurate time, should have Preston regulate them.

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By JOHN M. SOWERS



Here are a few New Year's Resolutions we feel will make life more carefree for all of us.

Eddie Hart has resolved to chalk up no "oversleeps"

in 1937.

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George Lewis has promised himself that he'll grin and bear it when the boys run sharp.

Giacarini says it's O.K. to go through stop signs.

Mr. Potter will collect no shorts but pay all overs.

We have obtained this information from a highly unreliable source. Do as you think best about it.

Willie Ratto has started the New Year right. He's awake all the time on his new run. And Bert Brodose aims to run on time in 1937. Cheerful news, this.

The New Year brings Jim Cashion, our shopman, back to us, for which we are grateful. Jim has been off a long time nursing a broken wrist.

In case you have been mystified about the cloud of dust tearing up and down Powell Street this sign-up, it's Ben Zelles dragging his feet on the back end of No. 4 Powell.

We hope that in 1937 Louie Jaffa will quit trying to kid the Walter Winchell of Washington and Mason and that E. P. George will quit saying "Huh" everytime he sees us.

Stanley Kruzinsky is recovering nicely from an operation recently

undergone at the St. Francis hospital.

Conductor Pucheu is off sick but we hope he'll be back at work soon.

Gus Faddis has bade farewell to the lusty days of '36 and sworn off everything. Somehow it makes us very sad.

Looking back at the old year, we feel it was a very good one for most of us. Several of the fellows bought homes, lots of them bought automobiles, and while '36 brought a lot of new faces to Washington and Mason, almost all of the old ones remain.



These two smiling little girls gladden the homes of our Washington and Mason boys.

They are Johnita Baron (left) daughter of Johnnie Baron and Joann Pucheu (right) seventeen months old daughter of Conductor Albert Pucheu.

Just wait until they are old enough to vote.

Salary

"I have a talk with my husband about money at least once a week."

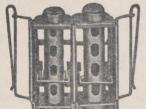
"Oh, mine's paid just once a month."



**DURING** the first nine months of this year out-of-State automobiles entering California totaled 167,445, an increase of 40,708 over the same months of 1935.

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#### DO YOU KNOW

There is no excuse for a car collision? Don't follow the car ahead of you too close. Watch a point on switch for opposing car. Don't pass another car in a curve.



The boy holding the Sardine is Dave Drouin. Don't hold your nose, it's fresh.

Turn to Page 40-41 for Washington and Mason baby pictures.

SEARCH others for their virtues, and thyself for vices.—Fuller.

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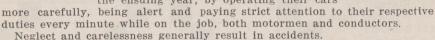
By H. R. FRANKLIN, Assisted by M. E. GUSTAFSON



The New Year is well on its way and it is our sincere hope that each one of the trainmen of this division have made the proper New Year's Resolution, and that they will abide by it for the remainder of the entire year of 1937.

What could surpass their having made a resolution not to have any accidents for the ensuing year, by operating their cars

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Motorman Irving B. Painter has given up the title of oversleep champion and we had wondered if he bought himself a new alarm clock or several of them, but that is not the case at all. He went much further than that, folks, he took unto himself a wife and that is the reason he shows up so promptly these days. We knew something had happened. Now that he has quit the bachelors' circle and entered into matrimony we want to extend our warmest congratulations and wish he and his bride much happiness in wedlock.

It was a flashy maroon colored Ford sedan of the very latest model and design—and who was driving it? It was none other than Motorman Harry M. Arnold, and it's all his own, too, Harry, you have nice taste and it's a honey of a bus.

Imagine a conductor trying to hold a drifting car with his shoulder, particularly when it is on a down grade. That's worse than trying to move a disabled car by man power.

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Motormen should always keep their air handles in the emergency position when on a grade.

Rumors have it that Conductor McFadden is practicing the part of a father. Some say he is intending to get married, others state that he is already married, but Hugh himself denies all this, and says, "Taint so." Now, Conductor, please let us get it straight, for we do know he has a sweetie.

Motorman Jack O'Rorke has returned to work after being off sick for a couple of weeks, and feels very good now. He states that it was nothing serious and that he needed a little rest and that it did him good.

Motorman Finley Young is on the sick list and we have had no reports as to how serious his case may be and it is our desire that his condition will be much improved in the near future.

The boys have been very busy of late trying to keep warm. Most of them say it is as cold now as it has ever been here and others say that it is much colder than ever before.

A cross-word puzzle and answer attached hereto, furnished by Motorman and Mrs. Lee M. Faulk of Sutro Division. Sincerely hope that you can print this in Sutro's notes.

Conductors should be more careful with their turn-ins as our standing in remittances is below par. We have done much better.

## Cross-Word Puzzle

By MOTORMAN FAULK and MRS. LEE M. FAULK

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- breviated. 42. Ruffians (Fr.) 40. Not cyclic. 45. Compass point.
- 46. Tailless amphibian.
- 47. Desire. 49. Disrobes.
- 50 Japanese coin. 52. A state.
- 53. Symbol for tantalum.
- 54. Liability. 56. Not specific (abbrev.).
- 57. Musical note.
- 59. Consisting of osiers.
- 61. Thirteenth letter of Greek alphabet.
- 62. Thick.
- 63. Composer of odes. Vertical
- 2. Vex.
- 3. Company.
- 4. Therefore.
- 5. Native metal.
- 6. Native.
- 7. Value.
- 8. Sea eagle.
- 9. Territory (at brev.).

- 10. Inside.
- 11. Took oath.
- 14. A number.
- 16. Apt.
- 17. Pertaining to climax.
- 19. One who screeches.
- 21. Spades.
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  23. Containing iron.
  24. An edible mussel.
  26. Medieval crossbow.
  27. Letter "H".
  29. Form of "A".

  - 31. Each.
  - 33. Spanish article.
  - 35. A salt of acetic acids.
  - 36. To shed or cast off.
  - 37. Those who fawn.
  - 39. Fatal disease.
  - 40. Assistant (abbrev.).
  - 41. A state (abbrev.).
  - 43. 3.1416.
  - 44. Hiss.
  - 51. Suffix of nouns.
  - 54. Like.
  - 55. Symbol for tellurim.
  - 58. Inside.

Motorman C. H. Toomey is generally testing his vocal chords when in the gilley room, especially when he gets through his day's work, more or less in competition with our singer Conductor Rene De La Roche, although Toomey has a bass voice. Maybe Toomey is wasting his time singing to the boys in the Car House, he might benefit by trying out on the air. What do you say, boys?

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The majority of the gang are somewhat jealous of Conductor De-LaRoche, not because of his singing ability, oh, no, but because of his personal charm with the fair sex. That's where he rates, and how.

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Conductor Ben Finkelstein is not worried about what time he gets through work these days, and why should he? For one thing, he does not have to wait for cars or try and make car connections any more, that is a thing of the past with him. Didn't you see his 1934 Ford V-8 coupe? Boy, that gets him home in nothing flat, and believe us when we say he is one fast guy.

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It has often been heard that a fellow doesn't miss the better half (friend wife) until she has gone away. Isn't it the truth? Just ask Motorman Tom Combest, whose wife is visiting relatives in Washington at present. Tom admits that these are cold and lonely days without the Mrs., and that keeping house is no picnic.

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Motorman Alvin M. Lake is working after having been on a long leave of three whole months and he surely looks hale and hearty. Somehow we cannot say much about where and how he spent his time, as we did not learn much about his vacation, but we can say that he sure must have had a nice long rest, for he looks the part. Welcome back, Lake.

It is our desire to express our

heartfelt sympathy to Conductor J. J. Bracket in the loss of his father, who was taken by death recently.

The boys wish to extend their thanks to the Theilacker family for the beautiful card addressed to the Employes of Sutro Division during the Holiday Season just passed. It was nice of the family to remember us that way.

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Conductor Jerry J. Leahy has never seen his name in our publication called the "INSIDE TRACK". Well, he cannot say that now, as this is proof enough. Girls, Jerry, by the way, is very much a single man as yet.

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We have many new faces on our Sutter Lines and wish to welcome into our fold the following named conductors: J. T. Compton, C. L. d'Aix, H. E. Hooper, W. J. Thomas; and Motormen W. J. Borland, C. E. Bryant, M. E. Grimm, P. R. McDonald and W. J. Woods.

Handsome "Boy Wonder" Bill Borland is back in the employ of the Company again, and is now in the market for clothes pins. The kind he needs are the same type used by the housewife for her clothes line, but Bill wants them for another purpose.

Homer "Red" Stewart of the Sutro Shops is the proud father of a baby daughter. Our hearty congratulations to both Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stewart.

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Conductor Harry Grant carries his heat in his pocket while working the back end, and the boys envy him as he has a gadget that keeps his hands warm. These days one could appreciate something like that, particularly a conductor.

A New Year's Eve celebration is great stuff and the proper spirit, but when you forget to remember about it, that's not so good. Time's awasting.

## Colonel Henry Marison Byllesby Post No. 3000

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#### G. T. TYERS, Correspondent

May I take this opportunity to wish each and all a Happy New Year? Let's make it a record year for an organization that knows how. With the help of each one we can be proud of the record that we leave for our posterity.

From all reports it seems that our generous and able Comrade, Sammy Siegel, make a top record for himself as Santa Claus. He had some of the older members guessing as to his identity. Good work, Sammy, we all thank you for your splendid work. It is the earnest application to one's duty and the desire to accommodate that enables one to make a good showing.

The sick list of our Post does not increase at this writing. Our hardworking and sincere Comrade R. L. Emerson has improved and is supposed to be home when I write this. Have any of you visited him lately? If not, please do so as it helps to pass away the hours, also keeping him informed of the latest doings. If you are in doubt as to any Comrade's address or location in a Hospital this year, kindly get in touch with our hard working Chaplain, Comrade G. I. Mattson, at Turk and Fillmore car house, and he will give you the exact information.

Lots has been said about the new member, but I would like to add this much. New members give added power to our National Program of Veteran Benefits. New members gives your Post added strength and new ideas. It gives your Post Officers more members to accomplish the work laid out for him by our Conventions and the requests of his Post members. After all, the day is rapidly approaching when we may be in need of help, and the new member may be the one to fill our shoes in this our National Need for Veteran Benefits. When we can say that we have recruited every available man into our order, then we can coast along on our laurels; until then we need every man to accomplish our aims. Let me say now that our aims are not for special privilege, but for just dues for those men who are in need, who have dependents who are in need and must throw themselves upon the mercy of other able comrades. It is a duty we owe to our fellow Comrade. Let's not fail him.

The son of President Roosevelt is now a commissioned Lieut.-Colonel of the United States Marines Reserve. His commission reads: Lieut.-Col. James Roosevelt, United States Marines Reserve, Dated November 13, 1936. Keep an eye on him, veterans; he may be eligible to join our ranks at a later date, if anything happens.

#### ALL SERVICE MEN—PLEASE NOTE

The new session of Congress will find many changes and no doubt there

will be an attempt to injure many benefits that our group now enjoy for those who are completely dependent on help from some source. There are many now who are just able to get by; by that I mean a place to sleep and a bit of food to eat. Having been on the Committee of the Contact Service at one time, I have seen cases that would bring tears to the eyes of any hardened person. Cases where actual want was apparent before you left the sidewalk to enter their poor miserable hovels that they called homes. Children blue with cold and only one change of clothing to wear; nothing to eat in the place, with many cases only one food item, such as potatoes, to eat. One or two blankets served as bedding, and many a time only gunny sacks and newspapers served as mattresses, with the same over them.

Naturally those Congressmen who have never seen such conditions cannot pass on our wants. It is up to us to protect and if necessary to point out these cases, and see to it that they are protected, or given necessary em-

ployment to relieve their actual needs.

Now any Veteran who is eligible to join our organization should do so immediately to help us on such cases as these. It should not be said that you lacked courage of character to help your fellow Comrade, who is in actual want. Giving consideration to our needy Comrades is the main reason we are organized. How your help; joining and working; can and will be of some benefit to the needy. Let's see one hundred of you on the evening of January 22, 1937, at Room No. 311, War Memorial Building, Van Ness and McAllister Street.

#### POST COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Our Christmas Party was a great success, the children as well as the grown-ups had a very enjoyable evening. After the children had been presented with their presents by Santa Claus, everyone enjoyed playing games, and made us all feel like we were still youngsters again ourselves, which we are. Several useful presents were found in the grab-bag and many laughs went with it. The refreshments after the party were a great treat for our children; and to date have received no complaints from any one of the members of that ill feeling of the morning after the night before. I wish at this time to thank the committee in charge for their wonderful showing and hard work. Also for their splendid co-operation with the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Now the holidays are over and we can devote our efforts to that business that is to help the veteran. Our spare time belongs to this work, it is for the benefit of all veterans that we do so. The progress shown in the last two months is only the beginning, and I look forward to the year 1937 as a banner year for this organization. To carry out a successful program it is necessary that we all pledge ourselves to our membership drive. This I ask you all to do, to assist in every way possible your Post and Department Officers in the drive for members and the payment of our dues for the year in January. Let's make a resolution to go out and bring in those eligible comrades who should belong to this organization. We know that the true understanding of COMRADESHIP and friendship can only exist where the true obligation of the CROSS of MALTA is adhered to. Let's keep our Veteran work first in all that we plan for the year.

I would like to see a large class of new members for the meeting Night of January 22, 1937, as the ace Degree Team of Fidelity Sterling Post No. 97 has been asked to put on the Ceremonial Initiation of our Veteran Organization. This will give our new members a better chance to understand the true meaning of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and what it stands for. There will be refreshments after the meeting with the kind assistance of

our Ladies Auxiliary.

I have received a very favorable report from the President of our Aux-

iliary, and progress is reported with the promise of some new members coming into that organization. Let's support our Auxiliary in every way possible and work with them to build and strengthen it. At this time I wish to thank the President of the Auxiliary and the committee who put their time and efforts to help us make the Christmas Tree Party the grand success it was. It is indeed a pleasure to have the cooperation and harmony that was shown our Committee and Comrades in this undertaking.

May I wish each and every one A Happy New Year? Yours in Comradeship

Henry Pfeiffer, Post Commander

A Word from our District Inspector

It has been a pleasure to inspect the Posts assigned to me and I find them in splendid working order. Some of the new officers need a bit more time to learn their routine, and to accustom themselves to their new offices. All in all though every one did splendidly. With the progress shown to date we will have a banner year in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. But it will mean a lot of hard work for every Veteran to reach our goal. We can do it and have a large overflow if we keep at it.

The program laid out by our Department and National Conventions calls for some very worth-while benefits for our sick and needy Comrades of Arms. Let's give them all they need. Yours in Comradeship,

Eddy Jewell, Inspector.

#### THE LADIES' AUXILIARY

Congratulations to Sister Irene Mattson, who was duly elected and installed as 18 months trustee.

A newcomer, a baby girl, arrived at the Williams' household during the early part of December. We hope for Sister Williams speedy recovery, so that she will be able to attend our meetings in the near future.

It was apparent everyone enjoyed themselves at the Christmas Party on December 22nd. The roll of Santa Claus was characterized by Comrade Siegel, who took the part perfectly, keeping the children interested and presenting each with an appropriate gift. A grab bag of presents were given to the grown-ups, and believe me there were some good ones in it, and plenty of fun was had over some of the comics that were drawn. Refreshments were served to complete the evening's celebration.

In behalf of the entire membership of the Auxiliary, I wish to extend their heartiest greetings to everyone for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I hope that all the Auxiliary members will make a New Year's resolution to attend the meetings regularly during this year.

By Elsie Melikean, Secretary.

#### OUR DEPARTMENTS' DELEGATE AT LARGE COLUMN

Our County Council Officers for 1937 are: Comrades Herman, Commander; Sawyer, Sr. Vice; J. Azavadeo, Jr. Vice; J. Himes, Chaplain; J. Bailly, Quartermaster. We wish these Comrades a successful New Year in their duties. Past Department Commander Seacord inducted the above Comrades into office. Past County Council Commander Muhleberger was presented with his badge. Hollywood Post acted as Guard of Honor.

I wish to commend those that assisted me to make the Christmas party entertaining for the kiddies. Many thanks. Comrade Castillo's leadership with the games held after the presentation of the kiddies' gifts was a masterpiece. Our Commander played the piano as only he can for our entertainment. Great things can come from that piano with Comrade Henry at the keys. We enjoy it.

Yours in Comradeship,

Sammy Siegel.



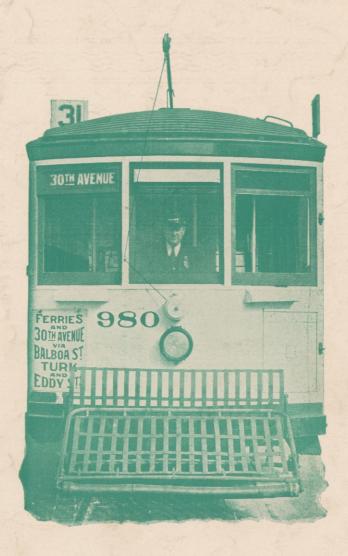
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Alone, I want to walk and walk,
In silence—free from human talk,
To feel the fog rise with the tears
As I relive the passing years;
To have the wild wind whirl and blow
And loose the thoughts until I know
Each cobweb's swept from out my head
And infectious spiders all are dead.

MARGOT AGUIRRE.



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